



Minutes of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee

*Minutes of a meeting held on 15 March 2016
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillors

Seán Woodward
Donna Jones
Guy Shepherd
Keith House
Simon Letts
Roy Perry
Mike Cheshire
Martin Hatley
Robert Humby
Edward Heron

Authority Represented:

Fareham BC
Portsmouth CC
East Hampshire DC
Eastleigh BC
Southampton CC
Hampshire CC
Havant BC
Test Valley BC
Winchester CC
New Forest DC

Chief Executives:

Nick Tustian
Peter Grimwood
David Williams
Roger Tetstall
Simon Finch
Ian Lycett
Stuart Jarvis
Tom Horwood
Dawn Baxendale
Bob Jackson

Authority Represented:

Eastleigh BC
Fareham BC
Portsmouth CC
Test Valley BC
Winchester CC
Gosport BC
Hampshire CC
Havant BC and East Hants DC
Southampton CC
New Forest DC

Co-opted Members:

Gloria Ighodaro
Bruce Voss
Stuart Baker (for item 10)

Organisation Represented:

Partnership for Urban South Hampshire
Homes & Communities Agency
Solent Local Enterprise Partnership

Also in attendance:

Councillor Susan Taylor
Diane Shepherd
Alan Denton (for item 9)
Anne Marie Mountifield
Councillor A Mandry

Chichester District Council
Chichester District Council
Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership
Solent Local Enterprise Partnership
Fareham Borough Council

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jonathan Bacon (Isle of Wight Council), Councillor Stephen Godfrey (Winchester CC), Councillor Neville Harrison (South Downs National Park), Councillor Edward Heron (New Forest District Council), Councillor Mark Hook (Gosport Borough Council), Steve Avery (New Forest National Park Authority), John Coughlan (Hampshire CC) – Stuart Jarvis deputising, Simon Eden (Winchester CC), Sandy Hopkins (Havant BC and East Hampshire DC), Lucy Howard (South Downs National Park), James Humphreys (Environment Agency) and John Metcalf (Isle of Wight Council)

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PUSH Joint Committee meeting held on 2 February 2016 be confirmed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman outlined a summary of the history in relation to a possible Combined Authority, the suggestion having originally been put forward by PUSH in November 2014 for a Solent geography.

Issues which have been raised include elected Mayor and governance. The Chairman outlined Devolution Meetings which have been held and generally these have rejected the concept of an elected Mayor for all of Hampshire and IoW. These included more recent meetings with Ministers, discussions and an unexpected invitation to Council Leaders from the PUSH area to attend Lord O'Neill's office at the Treasury in February where a South Hampshire and IoW Devolution Deal was discussed.

A deal for the Solent Area has been put forward by government which has had discussion over the last ten days and Leaders are advised there is a deal text which has been agreed by the Government. This will not be announced in the budget on Wednesday 16 March which will enable each individual Council to have time to consider the proposals thoroughly and whether they wish to be involved in negotiations.

If the deal were to go ahead, an Election for the elected Mayor will take place in May 2017. The deal includes an infrastructure package paid over a 30 year period, retention of Business Rates from next year and powers around transport, skills and further education.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. UPDATES FROM DELIVERY PANEL CHAIRMEN

There were no Updates from Delivery Panel Chairmen at this meeting.

7. PUSH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Joint Committee received a report by the PUSH Executive Director which covered matters arising which are significant and merit reporting to the Joint Committee but do not justify a full report.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

1. APPROVES an officer resource being offered by HCC to lead on the PUSH Green Infrastructure agenda and act as a link to the SRMP on behalf of PUSH;
2. DELEGATES authority to the PUSH Executive Director in collaboration with the PUSH Chairman; to agree the work programme that the officer will be required to undertake; and
3. NOTES the matters for information outlined in Park B of this report.

8. PUSH Budget Monitoring Report

The Joint Committee received a report on progress to date against the approved revenue and capital programmes, which included a forecast outturn for the current financial year. This report also set out the proposed interim revenue budget for 2016/17.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

1. NOTE the spend for the year to date against the revised capital and revenue budgets and the forecast outturn for 2015/16, as set out in the report;
2. APPROVE a carry forward of £216,000 for 2016/17 for the following forecast revenue budget under spends in 2015/16:
 - Energy & Green Economy: £51,000
 - Culture, Creative Industries & the Built Environment: £15,000
 - Core Projects – Inward Investment: £100,000
 - Contingency Reserve: £50,000

3. NOTE that the forecast under spends to be carried forward from the 2015/16 budgets into 2016/17 are provisional, and may be subject to change when the final outturn position for 2015/16 is known; and
4. APPROVE the proposed interim revenue budget for 2016/17, as set out in the report.

9. SOLENT RECREATION MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP (SRMP)

The Joint Committee received a report which gave an update on the considerable progress made with the strategy implementation and gave proposals for the 2016/17 work programme. It also included proposals for the 2016/17 membership of the Project Board.

Councillor R. Perry requested a Minute be made of his question that, if a Solent Combined Authority is created, recognising that funds are already in existence from various partners, how would these existing funds be redistributed if some members were not part of that Solent Combined Authority.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTED and ENDORSED:-

1. Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's proposed 2016-17 work programme and budget, and;
2. the proposed 2016/17 membership of the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's Project Board.

10. ONE PUBLIC ESTATE (OPE) PROGRAMME PHASE 3

The Joint Committee received a presentation by the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (Solent LEP).

(The meeting started at 6:00pm and ended at 6:49pm).

(NB: The next meeting of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee will be held on Tuesday 7 June 2016).